

IN THE CLAIMS

1-17 (canceled)

18. (currently amended) A process comprising coating a surface of finely divided inorganic solid particles with at least two different organic additives to form coated finely divided inorganic solids, wherein at least one of said additives is selected from the group consisting of ~~additive is~~ a wetting agent, dispersing agent or deflocculating agent, ~~and wherein the proportion of the additives is not more than 15 wt.% of the coated solids~~, wherein said the finely divided inorganic solid particles solids are in the form of an aqueous suspension or in the form of a filter cake and the two different organic additives are coated on to the finely divided inorganic solid particles solids separately or in the form of a mixture, and wherein the resulting suspension being is dried to form coated finely divided and wherein the coated finely divided inorganic solid particles solids having a mean particle size d_{50} of from 0.001 to 20 μm .

19. (currently amended) A process for preparing finely divided coated solids comprising coating a surface of finely divided inorganic solid particles with at least two different organic additives, wherein at least one of the additives is selected from the group consisting of a wetting agent, dispersions agent and a deflocculating agent, ~~according to claim 18~~, wherein the finely divided inorganic solids are in the form of a powder ~~instead of in the form of a suspension or filter cake~~ and are mixed with the two different organic additives in a mixer and the mixture is then ground wherein said two different organic additives are coated onto the inorganic particles to form finely divided coated solids, wherein the resultant coated solids have a mean particle size d_{50} of from 0.001 to 20 microns.

20. (currently amended) A process according to claim 18, wherein the proportion of additives is not more than 10 wt.% of the coated solid particles solids.

21. (currently amended) A process according to claim 18, wherein the proportion of additives is not more than 5 wt.% of the coated solid particles solids.

22. (currently amended) A process according to claim 18, wherein the finely divided inorganic solids are selected from the group consisting of titanium dioxide, barium sulfate, lithopone, zinc sulfide, zinc oxide, calcium carbonate, calcium sulfate, iron oxide, silicon dioxide, talcum, kaolin, mica, aluminium oxide, aluminium hydroxide, metal titanates, a colored titanate, zirconium oxide, magnesium oxide, hydrotalcite, chalk, a mixed phase pigment, an anticorrosive pigment, an inorganic flameproofing pigment, a black pigment, an inorganic special-effect pigment, a metal nitride, a metal or a metal boride.

23. (previously presented) A process according to claim 18, wherein the wetting, dispersing or deflocculating agent comprises at least one of the substance selected from the group consisting of an alkali metal salt of an organic acid, an ammonium salt of an organic acid, an alkali metal salt of an acrylate copolymer, an alkali metal salt of a methacrylate copolymer, a polyphosphate, a poly (meth)acrylate, a polyether, an anionically modified polyether, a fatty alcohol polyglycol ether, a modified polyurethanes and an anionically active aliphatic ester.

24. (currently amended) The process according to claim 18, wherein the added amount of wetting, dispersing or deflocculating agent is from 0.001 to 10 wt.%, based on the finished coated solids product.

25. (currently amended) The process according to claim 24, wherein the added amount of wetting, dispersing or deflocculating agent is from 0.001 to 5 wt.%, based on the finished coated solids product.

26. (previously presented) The process according to claim 18, wherein the second organic additive comprises at least one of the substances selected from the group consisting of a

carboxylic acid, a soap, a metal soap, an alcohol, pentaerythritol, neopentyl glycol, a polyglycol, a polyethylene glycol ether, an organic ester, a silane, a siloxane, a silicone oil, an organic sulfone of the formula RSO_2R , an organic ketone, an organic nitrile, an organic sulfoxide, an organic amide, a fatty acid ester and a fatty acid amide.

27. (currently amended) The process according to claim 18, wherein the added amount of the second organic additive is from 0.01 to 10 wt.%, based on the ~~finished~~ coated solids product.

28. (previously presented) The process according to claim 27, wherein the added amount of the second organic additive is from 0.01 to 5 wt.%, based on the finished coated product.

29. (currently amended) The process according to claim 18, wherein the coated finely divided inorganic ~~organic~~ solids have a mean particle size d_{50} of from 0.005 to 5 μm .

30. (previously presented) A composition comprising the inorganic solids produced by the process of claim 18 and a plastic.

31. (currently amended) A composition comprising a paint and the inorganic solids ~~solid~~ produced by the process of claim 18.

32. (currently amended) A composition comprising an ink and the inorganic solids ~~solid~~ produced by the process of claim 18.

33. (currently amended) A composition comprising a paper and the inorganic solids ~~solid~~ produced by the process of claim 18.

34. (previously presented) A composition comprising the inorganic solids produced by the process of claim 18 and a ceramic.

35. (previously presented) A composition comprising the inorganic solids produced by the process of claim 18 and a medical adjuvant.

36. (previously presented) A composition comprising the inorganic solids produced by the process of claim 18 and a cosmetic.

37. (previously presented) A process comprising dispersing the coated finely divided inorganic solids produced by the process of claim 18 in water or an organic solvent to form a suspension, and adding an antifoam in an amount of up to 3 wt.%, based on the solids content of the suspension.

38. (canceled)

39. (new) A process comprising preparing an aqueous suspension of finely divided inorganic solid particles and adding at least two different organic additives, mixing the suspension and drying to form coated finely divided inorganic solid particles, wherein at least one of said at least two organic is selected from the group consisting of a wetting agent, a dispersion agent and a deflocculating agent, wherein said coated particles have a mean particle size d_{50} of from 0.001 to 20 microns.

40. (new) A process comprising preparing an aqueous suspension of finely divided inorganic solid particles from a filter cake containing said finely divided inorganic solid particles and adding at least two different organic additives, mixing the suspension and drying the suspensions to form finely divided coated inorganic solid particles, wherein at least one of said at least two organic is selected from the group consisting of a wetting agent, a dispersion agent and a deflocculating agent, wherein said coated particles have a mean particle size d_{50} of from 0.001 to 20 microns.

41. (new) A process comprising preparing an aqueous suspension of finely divided inorganic solid particles from a powder of said finely divided inorganic solid particles and adding at least two different organic additives, mixing the suspension and drying the suspension to form finely divided coated inorganic solid particles, wherein at least one of said at least two organic is selected from the group consisting of a wetting agent, a dispersion agent and a deflocculating agent, wherein said coated particles have a mean particle size d_{50} of from 0.001 to 20 microns.